

From: [Gordon, Rachel \(DPW\)](#)
To: [Lopez, Edgar \(DPW\)](#)
Cc: [Stringer, Larry \(DPW\)](#)
Subject: RE: media inquiry from the New York Times
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:14:00 PM
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I spoke with the reporter this afternoon.

I said the boulders were placed there for 2 primary reasons: to protect the safety of folks in a high-traffic area – we don't want pedestrians near the vehicles; and to keep the bike path clear.

-- rachel

From: Lopez, Edgar (DPW)
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:14 PM
To: Gordon, Rachel (DPW) <Rachel.Gordon@sfdpw.org>
Cc: Stringer, Larry (DPW) <Larry.Stringer@sfdpw.org>
Subject: Fwd: media inquiry from the New York Times

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rick Paulas <rickpaulas@gmail.com>
Date: April 10, 2018 at 2:49:21 PM PDT
To: "Lopez, Edgar (DPW)" <Edgar.Lopez@sfdpw.org>
Subject: Re: media inquiry from the New York Times

Hey Edgar,

Thanks so much for chatting with me. If you have a point person that you'd recommend to ask about those boulders in the Hairball (here's more on that story: <https://missionlocal.org/2017/12/defensive-boulders-arrive-at-a-cleared-sf-homeless-encampment/>) please let me know.

Thanks again!

Rick

On Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 1:27 PM, Lopez, Edgar (DPW) <Edgar.Lopez@sfdpw.org> wrote:

Rick,
I'm in a meeting for the next 90 minutes, I will call you as soon as I'm free.

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From: Rick Paulas [mailto:rickpaulas@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Gordon, Rachel (DPW) <Rachel.Gordon@sfdpw.org>
Cc: Lopez, Edgar (DPW) <Edgar.Lopez@sfdpw.org>; Kaw, Jasmine (DPW) <Jasmine.Kaw@sfdpw.org>

Subject: Re: media inquiry from the New York Times

Hey Rachel,

Thanks for the email, and hey, Edgar.

The piece I'm writing is about "defensive design" or "hostile architecture" when it comes to designing city spaces, and I noticed that there was a bit in the plans for the Castro library. But I'm also interested in looking at the unique challenges that have to be navigated when coming up with those design elements throughout other spaces in the city. That would be the line of questioning, more than specifics about the Castro library. That was just the example that popped out to me.

Thanks so much. Let me know when is a good time.

Rick
310-467-0608

On Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 12:54 PM, Gordon, Rachel (DPW) <Rachel.Gordon@sfdpw.org> wrote:

Hi Rick. San Francisco City Architect Edgar Lopez will be available to talk with you. He can provide both project details and big picture. I am adding him to this email so you can contact him directly to set up a day and time. Meanwhile, any more specifics you're looking for?

Feel free to contact me, too, if you need anything.

Best regards,
-- Rachel

Rachel Gordon
Director of Policy and Communications

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From: Rick Paulas [mailto:rickpaulas@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:35 AM
To: Kaw, Jasmine (DPW) <Jasmine.Kaw@sfdpw.org>
Cc: Gordon, Rachel (DPW) <Rachel.Gordon@sfdpw.org>
Subject: Re: media inquiry from the New York Times

Hey Jasmine and Rachel,

Does anyone at SFPW have a chance to chat this week?

Rick

On Mon, Apr 9, 2018 at 8:14 AM, Kaw, Jasmine (DPW) <Jasmine.Kaw@sfdpw.org> wrote:

Good morning Rick,
I am forwarding your request to Rachel Gordon, who answers all media inquiries for Public Works. Good luck.



Jasmine Kaw Landscape Architect

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From: Rick Paulas [mailto:rickpaulas@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2018 12:10 PM
To: Kaw, Jasmine (DPW) <Jasmine.Kaw@sfdpw.org>
Subject: media inquiry from the New York Times

Hey Jasmine,

I'm writing a series for the New York Times Styles' section about architectural design, and was wondering if you might be able to speak about the unique challenges when it came to designing the proposed redesign of the Eureka Branch SF Public Library.

The one found
here: <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/3897405/Eureka-Branch-Library-Design-Plan.pdf>

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